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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-39, and 41-43 will be pending in this application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 1, 8, 14, 33, 39, and 41 have been amended. Claims 7 and 40 have been canceled. Claims 42-43 have been added. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration, reexamination, and an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 1-6, 8-39, and 41-43 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-41 are objected due to certain informalities. Independent claims 1, 14, 33, 39, and 41 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection of claims 1-41 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 40, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that the amendment to independent claims 1 and 41 now overcome the rejection. Claim 40 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-13, 40, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-6, 11-13, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eyuboglu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,229). Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eyuboglu in view Liau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,280). Claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and rewritten to overcome the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 14-39 would be allowable if written to overcome the informality objections.

Independent claims 1 and 41 have been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations of claim 7, which the Examiner has indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 7 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 41 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-6 and 11-13 are also in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain.

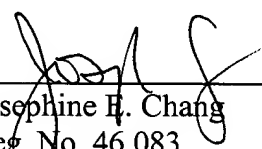
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Claims 42-43 are new in this application. These claims are also in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 1-6, 8-39, and 41-43.

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